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ANNUAL REPORT

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Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee,

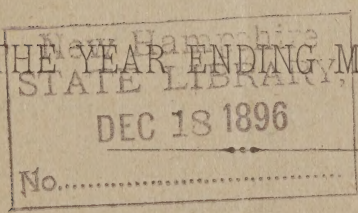
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TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON,

N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1884.



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1884.

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

GEORGE W. SANBORN.

TOWN CLERK.

FRANK J. PHILBRICK.

SELECTMEN.

ELIPHALET W. PHILBRICK,

JOSEPH A. TILTON,

CHARLES E. MARSH.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

BELLE J. CURRIER.

TOWN TREASURER.

GEORGE W. SANBORN.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

CHARLES H. SMITH.

AUDITORS.

JOSIAH MORRILL,

NATHAN B. TILTON.

SUPERVISORS.

GEORGE W. SANBORN,

JOSIAH MORRILL,

EZRA F. CURRIER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town of East Kingston, in account with the Selectmen, for the year
ending March 1st, 1884.

State, county, town and school tax assessed, including non-resident highway tax,	\$3,000 54
Dog tax,	34 00
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	\$3,034 54

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of state treasurer, Railroad tax,	\$148 75
“ “ Savings bank tax,	54 56
“ “ Literary fund,	46 92
“ “ Bounty on crows,	3 20
“ County of Rockingham,	38 25
for use of Town hall,	5 00
by note,	1,000 00
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	\$1,296 68

EXPENDITURES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

POUND SCHOOL.

Paid Charles W. Eastman, for teaching Pound school 30 3-5 weeks, at \$7.50 per week,	\$229 50
E. W. Philbrick, for 1 1-4 cords of wood,	5 00
Fred Eaton, fitting wood,	40
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	\$234 90

CORNER SCHOOL.

Paid Viella Bachelder, for teaching Corner school 12 weeks,	\$78 00
Abbie A. Pease, teaching Corner school 9 weeks,	54 00
N. B. Tilton, 3 cords wood,	10 50
J. A. Tilton, 1 cord wood,	3 50
C. W. Parker, fitting 4 cords wood,	2 00
Viella Batchelder, for teaching Corner school 11 weeks,	71 50
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	\$219 50
Unexpended at Corner school,	16 91

FALLS SCHOOL.

Paid Belle Currier, for teaching Falls school 31 weeks, at \$6 per week,	\$192 00
E. F. Currier, 10 ft. hard wood,	6 25
" fitting same,	80
" 7 ft. pine wood,	3 15
" fitting same,	42
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	\$202 62

NORTH SCHOOL.

Paid F. M. Merrill, for teaching North school 21 weeks, at \$6 per week,	\$126 00
N. B. Tilton, 2 cords wood,	7 00
A. J. Sanborn, for teaching North school 8 weeks and 3 days,	52 80
J. A. Tilton, 1 cord wood,	3 50
C. W. Parker, fitting 3 cords wood,	1 50
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	\$190 80

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SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid J. H. Buswell, for 3 5-8 cords wood for Harri-	
man family,	\$10 75
Mary A. Eaton, 2 cords wood,	7 50
H. L. Rowell, 1-2 ton coal for Mrs. Frink,	4 00
C. N. Colbath, coffin for John Smith,	7 00
E. W. Philbrick, procuring coffin,	1 00
“ burying Smith,	3 00
“ expenses and telephone,	1 00
Marston & Eastman, for advice concerning Smith,	2 00
E. W. Philbrick, cash paid railroad fare,	30
B. K. Webster, services as coroner,	1 00
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	\$37 55

HIGHWAYS.

Paid R. W. Carter, 3 1-2 days work on bridge,	\$8 12
J. B. Carter, “ “	8 13
Ed. F. Carter, 45 hours labor on highway,	6 75
August Schmethel, 10 hours labor on highway,	1 50
S. L. Blaisdell, 100 feet plank,	1 50
E. F. Currier, covering stone for bridge,	2 40
G. S. Giles, 95 hours on bridge and highway,	13 87
“ sharpening pick,	20
W. Carter, 45 hours labor on highway,	6 75
J. S. W. Currier, 80 ft. bridge plank,	1 28
Wallace Marsh, 44 1-4 hours labor on bridge,	6 50
E. W. Philbrick, labor on bridge and highway on Tappan road,	3 00
G. W. Woodman, 8 hours labor on old road,	1 20
C. W. Parker, 30 “ “ “ highway,	4 50
“ 15 “ breaking “ 1882,	2 25
J. H. Buswell 7 days with road scraper,	14 00
“ oxen, 3 days,	6 00
J. R. Webster, 35 hours labor on highway,	5 25
“ 59 “ “	8 85
B. K. Webster, 8 “ breaking “	1 20
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	\$103 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

State tax,	568 00
County tax,	716 08
Paid Merrill Bros., 10 lbs. spikes, .48; broom, .35,	83
J. Morrill, cash paid for check list,	50
J. H. Currier, dipper, .25; wash bowl, .10,	35
Dana Webster, setting glass and repairing funnel,	
Corner school house,	25
Dana Webster, setting glass, North school house,	75
J. A. Tilton, cash paid bounty on 32 crows,	3 20
" " " 1 chuck,	10
" 1 dipper, for school house,	15
" box crayons,	15
E. A. Tilton, 2 pails, .34; broom, .35,	69
Emma Noyes, cleansing Corner school house,	2 00
E. W. Philbrick, cash paid for curtains for Pound	
school house, making and putting up same,	3 00
E. W. Philbrick, pail and dipper,	37
" cleansing Town hall,	2 00
" " Pound school house,	1 50
" cash paid bounty, 1 crow, 1 chuck,	20
" postage, ink and pens,	48
" box crayons,	15
F. T. Merrill, " "	25
Thompson & Bachelder, blank books, stationery,	3 95
E. W. Philbrick, warrants for town meeting,	15
" wood for town meeting and town	
business, 1882, 1883,	2 00
E. W. Philbrick, sexton at 9 funerals,	27 00
" order on treasurer for non-resident	
taxes worked out,	43 62
Dr. G. W. Sanborn, returning 4 deaths and birth,	1 25
E. F. Currier, cash paid Mrs. Bresingham, clean-	
sing school house,	2 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town reports, 1882,	18 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$1,398 97</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,398 97
Paid C. E. Marsh, job on scraper,	50
L. S. Clough, housing road scraper,	2 00
G. S. Tappan, auditing town accounts, distributing same,	3 00
C. H. Smith, printing tax bills,	2 00
Woodbury M. Durgin, inserting county seal,	1 00
Sundry persons, notes and interest,	2,363 18
C. H. Smith, collector for 1882, for taxes assessed against Emily T. Pike on the Wells place (so called)	88 11
C. H. Smith, cost of selling same,	1 70
“ collector for 1882, for taxes assessed against Emily T. Pike on the Rowe farm (so called)	63 40
C. H. Smith, cost of selling same,	1 70
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	\$3,925 56

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1883.

Paid Peter Boupry, poll tax,	\$1 18
John Bylange, “	1 18
Edward Bolyer, “	1 18
Napoleon John, “	1 18
James Lerose, “	1 18
John M. Nelson, paid in Lynn,	1 18
A. M. McGregor, tax,	12
Arthur P. Ring, not taxable,	1 18
George B. Webster, over age,	1 18
Heirs of Stevens Sanborn, overtaxed,	3 54
Samuel Harris, dog died,	1 00
Rufus Brown, “	1 00
August Schmethel, “	1 00
Heirs of Charles M. Harriman,	2 65
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	\$18 75

Also on book of Charles H. Smith, collector for the year 1881,	\$1 45
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A. Penett, 1882,	37

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Belle Currier for services as school committee,	\$15 00
F. J. Philbrick, services at annual meeting,	1 00
“ making and posting jury warrants,	1 00
“ attending jury meetings,	1 00
“ recording books,	7 65
“ “ births, deaths and marriages,	2 70
F. J. Philbrick, postage and stationery,	92
Charles H. Smith, services as collector,	35 00
G. W. Sanborn, treasurer,	6 00
E. W. Philbrick, filling out blank inventory and distributing same,	2 00
E. W. Philbrick, 3 days, taking inventory,	4 50
“ 1 day, real estate,	1 50
“ 1 day, inventory at town hall,	1 50
“ 1 day, settling with highway surveyors,	1 50
E. W. Philbrick, 1 day, appointing town officers,	1 50
“ 1 day, enrolling soldiers, births and deaths,	1 50
E. W. Philbrick, making and recording taxes collected and highway warrants,	8 00
E. W. Philbrick, returning inventory to Sec. of State,	2 00
E. W. Philbrick, attending two jury meetings,	50
“ 1 day, dividing school money and regulating jury box,	1 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$96 27</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$96 27
Paid E. W. Philbrick, 5 days settling and recording bills,	7 50
" 1 day, claims against the county,	1 50
" 1 day at Concord, fare and ex-	
penses to pay State tax,	6 00
E. W. Philbrick, making warrants for town meet-	
ing,	1 50
E. W. Philbrick, meeting with auditors,	1 50
" time spent in case of Smith, found	
dead,	2 00
Joseph A. Tilton, to filling out blank inventories	
and distributing same,	2 00
Joseph A. Tilton, 3 days, taking inventory,	4 50
" 1 day, " real estate,	1 50
" 1 day, receiving inventories at	
town hall,	1 50
Joseph A. Tilton, settling with surveyors,	1 50
" appointing town officers,	1 50
" 2 days, making taxes,	3 00
" 1 day, enrolling soldiers, births	
and deaths,	1 50
Joseph A. Tilton, attending 2 jury meetings,	50
" 1 day, dividing school money and	
regulating jury box,	1 50
Joseph A. Tilton, 2 days, settling and recording	
bills,	3 00
Joseph A. Tilton, 1 day, making warrants for an-	
nual meeting,	1 50
Joseph A. Smith, 1 day, meeting with auditors,	1 50
" time spent in case of Smith, found	
dead,	2 00
Charles E. Marsh, filling out blank inventories and	
distributing same,	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$145 27

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$145 27
Paid Charles E. Marsh, 3 days, taking inventory,	4 50
" 1 " " real estate,	1 50
" 1 " receiving inventories at	
Town hall,	1 50
Charles E. Marsh, 1 " settling with highway	
surveyors,	1 50
Charles E. Marsh, 1 " appointing town officers,	1 50
" 2 " making taxes,	3 00
" 1 " enrolling soldiers births	
and deaths,	1 50
Charles E. Marsh, attending two jury meetings,	50
" 1 day, dividing school money	
and regulating jury box,	1 50
Charles E. Marsh, 2 days, settling and regulating	
bills,	3 00
Charles E. Marsh, making warrants for town meet-	
ing,	1 50
Charles E. Marsh, meeting with auditors,	1 50
" time spent in case of Smith, found	
dead,	1 00
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	\$169 27

RECAPITULATION.

Public Schools,	\$847 82
Support of Poor,	37 55
Highways,	103 25
Miscellaneous,	3,925 56
Abatement of Taxes for 1883,	18 75
Services of Town Officers,	169 27
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	\$5,102 20

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Outstanding notes against the town, March 1st, 1883,	\$8,300 00
Literary fund,	601 52

Outstanding notes against the town, March 1st, 1884,	7,300 00
Literary fund,	601 52
Decrease of town debt,	1,000 00

CREDIT.

Due from general government,	\$761 92
T. J. Heath, collector for the year 1876,	20 85
C. H. Smith, " " 1882,	10 59
" " " 1883,	240 35
" also, the highway taxes for the year 1882 of Emily T. Pike,	8 54
Claim against Emily T. Pike, for land bought for taxes,	154 91

ELIPHALET W. PHILBRICK,	} Selectmen of East Kingston.
JOSEPH A. TILTON,	
CHARLES E. MARSH,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEORGE W. SANBORN, Treasurer, charges himself with the following receipts, viz:

School bonds,	\$2,000 00
Estate of Elizabeth Towle, State bonds,	1,000 00
Government bonds,	150 00
Cash,	229 36
Cash on hand,	718 44
Bonus on Towle bonds,	28 69
Interest on bonds,	181 50
C. H. Smith, collector, 1881,	1 45
" " 1882,	253 63
" " 1883,	2,775 44
Received of Selectmen,	1,296 68
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Credit by the following payments:

By order of Selectmen,	\$5,103 45
School bonds,	2,000 00
Elizabeth Towle funds,	1,000 00
Bank book,	408 00
G. B. Webster, damage by dogs,	5 00
Cash on hand,	118 74

\$8,635 19

DOG FUND.

Balance in Treasury April 1st, 1883	\$21 00
Transferred to school money,	21 00
Raised by tax for 1883,	30 00

ORDERS ON FUND.

Nathan B. Tilton.	12 00
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G. W. SANBORN, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1883-4, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH MORRILL,

NATHAN B. TILTON,

Auditors.

EAST KINGSTON, March 1, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT.

A careful consideration of the accompanying table will suggest much to you. In a brief report only one or two points can be touched upon. Our schools of the past year compare favorably with those of previous years; the teachers, as a whole, have well improved the opportunities and advantages at their command, and have brought to their labors tact, skill and experience. While we believe that an advance has been made all along the line, still there are no remarkable forward strides to be recorded, and none need be expected, until a few changes are made in our school system.

The first improvement lies in reducing the number of school buildings. Aside from the fact that the present structures are antiquated, unsightly and disgraceful, they are worse—they are inconvenient, uncomfortable and injurious to health. They were built at a time when contractors devoted little, if any, attention to the comfort and welfare of the body. They have served their day and generation, and deserve pleasanter and better-ordered successors. The first of April last, there were one hundred children of school age in town; for this number three school houses are amply sufficient. It is true that three would be less convenient for some than four now are, but not many would suffer from such an arrangement, and the few ought to be willing to make a slight sacrifice for the good of the many.

The following is the amount of

SCHOOL MONEY.

Raised by tax,	\$497 00
Morrill fund,	120 00
Towle fund,	61 50
Savings bank and R. R. tax,	77 66
Dog tax,	21 00
Literary fund,	82 92
Unexpended at North,	5 50
Total,	<hr/> \$865 58

This sum divided among three, or better between two, if they could be suitably located, would give us better and longer schools. Some may think that we already have a sufficient number of weeks of schooling during the year; but when children leave or are taken from school so young, as has become too customary, it behooves us to do something towards affording them a better education, and likewise to furnish them inducements to remain longer at school. The large majority of children obtain all their education at the common schools, and so it is necessary to see to it that the training which they there receive shall be such as will prove of lasting good and assistance to them.

That this may be so, let parents do their part by taking a deeper interest in the progress of their children by enforcing constant attendance, by aiding the teacher through more frequent visits to the school-room and with kindly words of encouragement. It is well to remember that he or she who is engaged in guiding the young in the paths of learning has far greater opportunities than any one, excepting the parents, to mould their minds and to direct in a great measure the whole course of their lives. The town should do its part, also, by providing as thorough advantages as possible that the youth may be induced to continue their studies to a greater length. If anything can be done to effect this result, it is not only a privilege but a duty to do it.

It is quite reasonable to expect that with fewer and improved school buildings, with more money to each district, better schools could be maintained. These would materially help to build up the town, and it is very evident that something needs to be done to retain as many of the sons and daughters of East Kingston as we can within her borders, and to attract immigration as well.

You are fully aware of the increased value that is possessed by real estate in a town where superior schools are maintained. Add to this the advisability of keeping here more of the young men and young women, and the extra expense of providing modern school houses and of supporting better schools, will be money wisely invested, to be repaid many fold by the coming generations.

The improvement of our school system is only one step in the list in the right direction, but when this shall have been taken, the others

will come more easily, for good schools cannot of themselves alone build up the town, but they will go far towards accomplishing that desirable end.

Although these suggestions may not be acted upon this year or next, and even if they do not seem to be the best, we at least hope that they will awaken thought upon the subject of the future prosperity of the town and lead to such action as shall promote its attractiveness, interests and success.

Respectfully submitted,
ISABELLA J. CURRIER,
Superintendent of Schools.

ATTENDANCE.

The whole number of children in town, between the ages of 5 and 15, as returned by the Selectmen, is 100—52 males and 48 females.

The whole number of scholars who have attended our schools the past year is 94, of which number 1 is less than 5, and 12 are more than 15.

I know of no person in town between the ages of 14 and 21 who cannot read or write.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For the year: Sarah L. Currier, Frank L. Currier, Stephen G. Currier, Thomas P. Currier, Harry W. Gray.

For two terms: George H. Smith.

For one term: Josie Bresnahan, Lizzie A. Bruce, Nellie D. Bruce, Maud Edney, Abbie F. Flower, Annie S. Giles, Sarah J. Webster, Frank H. H. Carter, Joe Lawrence, George H. Marsh, Irvin H. Rowell, Wallace L. Tilton.

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